

Short Notices

Rättfärdighet och frid: en studie i det Första Clemensbrevet. By Olof Andrén. (With a Summary in English). Pp. 234. Stockholm: Svenska Kyrkans Diakonistyrelses Bokförlag, 1960. Kr. 25.00.

The title of this Uppsala dissertation is based upon Clement's remark that righteousness and peace have disappeared from the congregation of Corinth (1 Clem., iii. 1). Dr. Andrén endeavours to show that Clement does not use 'righteousness' as a fixed term representing the doctrine of justification, and taken over from St. Paul. It is rather a living part of the exhortations characteristic of 1 Clem., and is specially related to the ideal of 'peace' which it is Clement's concern to emphasise against the Corinthian anarchy (9-29).

The thesis is developed in three sections: (1) After a survey of earlier interpretations (30-44), attention is drawn to Clement's particular ideas of righteousness and justification, mainly found in chapters xxx and xxxii (45-7). Here, righteousness is something which qualifies the Christian way of living and the Church, and is akin to peace; thus justification by faith implies submission to God's will; (2) Behind this conception of righteousness there were Old Testament, Pauline and other Apostolic traditions, but some relations to Judaism and Hellenism may also be observed (81-125); (3) Peace and order, destroyed by sin and zeal, have to be restored (129-205). In correspondence with the order of Creation and the will of God, the believer must do good works, that is, such as hold the Church together. Among these are participation in worship and respect for the ministry of the Church. This is made possible by love and *metanoia*.

Andrén has given us a useful contribution to the study of the Apostolic Fathers. Because of his cautious judgments it is not always easy to follow him. It is evident, however, that he represents a sound and realistic view of the material. His warning against isolating the idea of righteousness and using it for dogmatic constructions must be taken seriously.

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Die Christenverfolgung im römischen Reich. By Jacques Moreau. (Aus der Welt der Religion, Forschungen und Berichte, Heft 2). Pp. 120. Berlin: Töpelmann, 1961. DM. 12.00.

Professor Moreau is already well known as the author of an admirable annotated edition (1954) of Lactantius, *De Mortibus Persecutorum*, and of a very good short book, *La persécution du Christianisme dans l'empire romain* (1956). The work under review is described as an enlarged version of the latter, and those who already possess the work in French will want to know how far the German version is an improvement.

The main difference is that there are far more footnotes, giving well chosen references to ancient sources and modern works. Otherwise, there are hardly any alterations, and there is only one substantial addition—a paragraph of nineteen lines (67), which remedies to some extent a major weakness of the French version, namely the absence of any account of the nature of the legal process